

27. (NEW) A process for injection molding of hollow articles in an apparatus having a mold cavity and a reservoir, the process comprising the steps of:
injecting fluent plastic into the apparatus, substantially filling the mold cavity;
injecting water into the fluent plastic, said injected water driving a quantity of fluent plastic from the mold cavity to said reservoir.
28. (NEW) The process of claim 27 wherein said portion of the fluent plastic flows from the mold cavity in the direction of said injection of fluent plastic.
29. (NEW) The process of claim 27 wherein said portion of the fluent plastic flows from the mold cavity in a direction opposite to the direction of said injection of fluent plastic.

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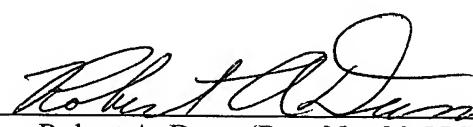
Applicant has submitted new claims 19-29, similar to the previously submitted claims but having several differences. Claim 19 is directed to a process whereby flowable plastic is selectively allowed to flow from the mold cavity after cessation of gas injection. Claim 19 differs, among other aspects, from the originally submitted claims in that claim 19 does not require that plastic evacuation take place in a particular direction (specification p. 7, last paragraph; p. 2, lines 4-5). New claim 23 is similarly directed to a process whereby flowable plastic selectively flows from the mold cavity. Like new claim 19, claim 23 does not limit the direction/location to which the plastic flows. In addition, claim 23 includes the step of "maintaining fluid pressure in the mold a predetermined duration" (specification p. 7, lines 5-9; p. 2, lines 4-5). Dependent claims 20-22 and 24-26 further characterize the processes. New claim 27 recites the steps of injecting fluent plastic into the mold cavity, then injecting water to drive a portion of the fluent plastic from the mold into a reservoir (specification p. 6, line 31 to p. 7, line 1). New claims 28 and 29 further limit the invention of claim 27 to particular directions of flow of the fluent plastic.



WHEREFORE, all the submitted claims are believed to be in condition for allowance, which is respectfully solicited. If Applicant may further assist in the prosecution of this Application in any way, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (248) 364-2100.

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